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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 210
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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study
issues relating to child support.

WHEREAS, the various issues pertaining to child support are of vital concern to citizens throughout Tennessee and affect the lives of countless children and parents daily; and

WHEREAS, the interests of children must continue to be the paramount consideration in all of these matters; and

WHEREAS, these issues are also of vital concern to the judicial officials who must decide child support issues and they should be carefully and extensively studied by the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study issues relating to child support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of four (4) members of the House of Representatives and four (4) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers. At least two (2) members from the Senate shall be members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. At least two (2) members from the House of Representatives shall be members of the House Children and Family Affairs Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That during the course of its deliberations, the special joint committee shall endeavor to provide a forum for organizations and groups which have particular interest in and knowledge of these issues and that such organizations and groups include but are not limited to: the Tennessee Judicial Conference, the Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference, Dads Against Discrimination, the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Tennessee Bar Association, the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference, the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, MANNA and the National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundred Second General Assembly on or before March 30, 2002, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

